Arbor-Day at the Park.

Last Friday, fixed upon for the Arbor-day at the Park was all that could be wished for in delightful temperature, and to all its other attractions were added a clear sky and warm sun. The Stonewall Brigade Band was on hand and remained on the grounds till after midday discoursing music at intervals. The public schools turned out later in the day, and from ten o'clock till sundown the people generally—some in carriages, some riding, and many walking, were on the grounds.

Messrs. Tams and McQuaide, the Council Committee, were busy the entire day in entering the names of persons and selecting and locating the trees preferred by them. Fifteen hundred trees were planted. The entire avenue on both sides is lined, and the curves at the sides of the avenue filled out to something like straight borders, skirting the interior or lowest depression of the vale.

After entering the Park at the Water-works and crossing the bridge to the left, the avenue makes a semicircle within which is a level plateau, so to speak. That was a favorite location with many who in planting trees have them so numbered and named as to be in perpetual association with loved ones whose memories are thus beautifully cherished.

The liberality and appreciative spirit in which the opportunity to plant trees by our citizens was availed of, was gratifying in the extreme. They were taken in numbers from one to as many as sixteen by a single person.

Colonel John L. Peyton planted the entire border of the Park from the old spring farm residence along the Churchville avenue and across the farm bounding on the west with black walnut seed, the proper way to successfully propogate that tree.

Apart from the association with the public interests of a park, the day will pass into history as the first of formal effort as well as success, for establishing the institution of Arbor-days in Virginia.

Any persons, so disposed, can avail themselves of personal identification with tree-planting in the Park by calling on Messrs. Tams or McQuaide.

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